

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed November 2, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejections - Obviousness-type Double Patenting

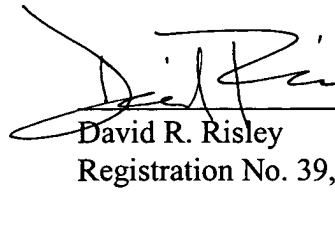
Claims 1-22 have been rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable in view of claims 1-22 of Application No. 09/925,650 ("the '650 application").

Although Applicant does not concur that claims 1-22 are unpatentable in view of claims 1-22 of the '650 application, Applicant, in the interest of expediting issuance of a patent, has submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer that disclaims any portion of term for a patent issuing from the present application that will extend beyond the term of the '650 application. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

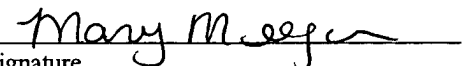
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